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To the Sentencing commission, My name is Melissa Valentin, I live in Middletown Ct.

I am a close friend of the Family of Akov Ortiz. His family talks about his artwork the changes he has gone through and the tough times. He was 17 when sentenced, and received 47 years. I vote the Bill goes through .I support the family. He was young, and it doesn't change what he did. But as a mother I pray for the family.

I believe beyond a doubt that given the opportunity of a reduced sentence, Akov will come home and make his family proud. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely, Melissa Valentin